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c.1907

335-349 Warren Ave. (South side)

Baltimore, Md.

Private access

This row of three story, three bay wide brown brick houses with shed roofs and bracketed cornices were built as a unit in the early 1900's. The houses are among the last group to be built in the Federal Hill area and were designed for a fairly well-to-do clientele. The houses show touches of Beaux-Arts design in the roof cornices with their swag designs decorating the freize area, and in the stained glass transoms over the doors and double first floor windows.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

335-349 Warren Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

— EXCELLENT
 X GOOD
 — FAIR

— DETERIORATED
 — RUINS
 — UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

X UNALTERED
 — ALTERED

CHECK ONE

X ORIGINAL SITE
 — MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This row of eight three story, three bay brick houses with shed roofs and pressed metal cornices was built as a unit along this side of Warren Ave. facing Federal Hill Park in 1906. The exterior of the houses is in very close to original condition.

The houses are three stories in height. The end units are 16' wide, the center units 15 1/2' wide. The lots range in depth from 127' at the west end of the group to 115' at the east end. Each house as built was two rooms deep with a two story high, three bay deep rear kitchen addition. Today, only the rears of 349 and 347 Warren Ave. have been altered. The original rear addition at 349 has an added third story and there is a new two story high, one bay deep section, with elaborate paneling and molded trim between floors and surrounding the five windows per floor. At 347 Warren Ave. there is an added two story high, one bay deep section, the entire rear of which is slightly bowed. There are three windows per floor, each of which has an upper stained glass panel. The windows are separated by full-height fluted pilasters which run from the basement level to the roof cornice of the addition. The houses are constructed in glazed Roman brick, in running bond. The shed roofs are capped by pressed metal cornices consisting of deeply projecting crown moldings set above a row of thick dentils and a row of egg-and-dart designs. Beneath this there is a deep frieze area with pressed metal swag designs, bordered at its lower edge by a row of scallops. Grooved end brackets, their upper edges terminating in plain, rounded "anthemions," support and frame each cornice. Each house has single hooded chimneys located along its east sidewall and a rear end hooded chimney located near the southeast end of the kitchen addition.

All of the door and window openings of the group have flat stone lintels and stone sills. Every other house in the group has a double first floor window set beneath a wide, deep stained glass panel above. A grooved molding separates the paired, 1/1 double hung sash. All of the other windows of the houses are standard, single windows filled with 1/1 double hung sash. Each house has a set of double, glass and panel late Victorian doors set beneath a single light transom bordered by a row of dentil carving. Some of the transom areas are filled with pieces of stained glass. The entire basement area of each house is faced with stonework and a band of stonework borders the lower edge of the first floor facade. The houses sit on high basements, the entrances being reached by four marble steps each. Each house has two square basement window openings, covered with decorative iron grating, located beneath the first floor windows.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1906-1907

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Ambrose Vogt

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This row of houses is particularly interesting as representing the latest phase of building in the Federal Hill area (along with several rows of much smaller houses along Grindall, Hamburg, and Cross Sts built by Joseph Hampson in 1907-1908). The houses were designed to accomodate the growing number of middle-class residents in the area who had prospered at local trades or who owned small local businesses. The houses are quite spacious inside and are, in fact, the largest residential structures in the Federal Hill area. They are notable for their elaborate interior oak woodwork and double-columned, two-tier chimney breasts. Each house has a separate entrance hall reached by a tiled vestibule, which opens into the large front parlor and leads back to the centrally located stair hall and dining room beyond. The kitchen was located in a rear addition. The stairs are particularly spacious, with the stair hall area being open all the way to the third floor and the stairs rising in short flights with landings between.

The houses were built by Ambrose Vogt, a real estate broker who lived at 303 Warren Ave. Vogt sold the houses to individual owners in 1907. Some of the early owner-occupants included: Peter Jennings, who owned a saloon at 1001 William St., at 339 Warren Ave.; Charles W. Lewis, who owned a tugboat yard on Hughes St., at 343 Warren Ave.; Lillie A. Wessel, the secretary of the Henry A. Wessel Dept. store, at 345 Warren Ave.; Frederick C. Wessel, the President of the Wessel Dept. store, at 347 Warren Ave.; and John B. Meyer, who ran a clothing store at 1059-1061 S. Charles St., at 349 Warren Ave.¹

¹Baltimore City Land Records, Liber RO 2286, Folio 411; RO 2306, Folio 502, 239; RO 2304/95; RO 2303/65; RO 2310/379; RO 2307/330; RO 2338/221; RO 2342/329; Baltimore City Directory, 1906, 1907, 1908

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 16' x 127' ; 15 1/2' x 123 1/2' to 116' ; 16' x 115'

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M. E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Maryland Historical Trust . Struever Bros. & Eccles

STREET & NUMBER

4/79
TELEPHONE

1745 Circle Rd.

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Ruxton

Maryland 21204

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service
Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
Washington D.C. 20243

HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION APPLICATION — PART 1

(Pursuant to the Tax Reform Act of 1976)

Instructions: Applicant should read the instructions carefully before completing application. No Certification may be made unless a completed application form has been received (P.L. 94-455). Use typewriter or print clearly in dark ink to complete the application form. If additional space is needed to complete Part 1, use the reverse side or a separate plain sheet of paper clearly indicating the owner's name and mailing address. Part 1 of this application may be completed and sent to the appropriate State Historic Preservation Officer at any time during the year, and may be sent separately or with Part 2.

PART 1 EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

1. NAME OF PROPERTY: 337 Warren Avenue
Address of property: Street 337 Warren Avenue
City Baltimore County N/A State Maryland Zip Code 21230
Name of historic district in which property is located: Federal Hill Historic District

2. DESCRIPTION OF PHYSICAL APPEARANCE:

(see instructions for map and photograph requirements—use reverse side if necessary)

see attached sheet

3. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

(use reverse side if necessary)

see attached sheet

Date of construction (if known): 1906 ☒ Original site ☐ Moved Date of alterations (if known): June-Nov. 1983

4. NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF OWNER:

Name Dr. and Mrs. H. Alexander Wilson
Street 337 Warren Avenue
City Baltimore State Maryland Zip Code 21230
Telephone Number (during day): Area Code 301-496-2265

I hereby attest that the information I have provided is, to the best of my knowledge, correct, and that I am owner of the property described above.

Signature H. Alexander Wilson Date 8/2/83

For office use only

The structure described above is included within the boundaries of the National Register historic district and ☒ contributes ☐ does not contribute to the character of the district.

The structure ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to meet National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.6) and ☐ will likely ☐ will not be nominated to the National Register in accord with the Department of the Interior procedures (36 CFR 60).

The structure is located in a district which ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to meet National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.6), ☐ will likely ☐ will not be nominated to the National Register in accord with Department of the Interior procedures (36 CFR 60), and ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to contribute to the character of said district.

Signature M. Little Date 9-21-83
State Historic Preservation Officer

This property has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Department of the Interior (36 CFR 67) and, if subject to depreciation under section 167 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954,

☐ is hereby certified a historic structure
☐ does not contribute to the character of the historic district and does not merit certification as a historic structure. Reasons given on the attached sheet.

Signature _____ Date _____
Keeper of the National Register

337 Warren Avenue, Historic Preservation Certification, Part 1

2. DESCRIPTION OF PHYSICAL APPEARANCE:

The rowhouse at 337 Warren Avenue is a three story three bay building of iron spot Roman brick (see Photos 1 & 2). It is one of eight in a terrace of three story houses whose elevations are distinguished by marble basements, sills and lintels (see Photo 5). The cornice, on this and the other houses, has a classical appearance owing to the egg and dart molding and the more prominent floral swags (see Photos 3 & 4). The building has (original) one-over-one sash windows and a double glass door under a transom containing the house number in gold leaf. The two basement windows retain their original, hinged metal grates.

The interior retains some original detail. The wood shutters remain intact on the north windows (see Photos 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10). The simple trim remains.

The house has a typical Federal Hill floor plan of parlor and side hall in front of a dining room which spans the entire width and opens into a back building in the rear (see Photo 11).

Decorative and non-functional fireplaces were added to the front parlor and dining room in the 1960's.

3. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The house at 337 Warren Avenue contributes to the significance of the Federal Hill Historic District as an example of the rowhouse type that predominates throughout the District. The Federal Hill Historic District is named for the Park at the northeast corner which played such an important part in the history of Baltimore (see Nomination Form). To the west and south of the Park, a residential neighborhood developed from the late 19th century up to the First World War. The residents worked in the industries along the harbor, such as the shipyards in the eastern end of the District and the industrial areas (demolished in the 1960's) outside the District to the north. Although the Park, industries and a large former school complex exists in the District, the predominant impression to a visitor is of a residential, rowhouse area.

Federal Hill houses are brick, three stories tall with a cornice in front of a flat roof constructed between the War of 1812 and World War 1. These rowhouses are located at the sidewalk with no front yard. Some variety exists in terms of width (10 to 15 feet wide) and fenestration. The narrower houses are often two bays wide. Often several were built at one time creating terraces of identical houses. The terrace containing 337 Warren Avenue was built in 1906. It follows the form, materials, rhythm, setback of its antecedents without ignoring its own time: iron spot, Roman brick, dark mortar, one-over-one sash. The architect was Jacob F. Gerwig; the builder was James F. Morgen; the developer was Ambrose Vogt.*

*Source: Daily Record, March 24, 1906

337 Warren Avenue, Historic Preservation Certification, Part 1
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE, continued

The first owner was Captain William B. Vane, the proprietor of Vane and Redman, one of the last shipyards in the city. After Vane's death, his widow ran a boarding house in the property. The house has had three subsequent owners.

The terrace at 335 - 349 Warren Avenue represents the latest phase of construction in the Federal Hill Historic District. The houses were designed to accommodate the growing number of middle class residents who had prospered in local trades or owned small businesses. In fact, they are the largest residential structures in Federal Hill. *

* Source: Maryland Inventory of Historic Sites, B-3273, Mary Ellen Hayward, Ph.D.



Photo 1 - Warren Avenue Facade

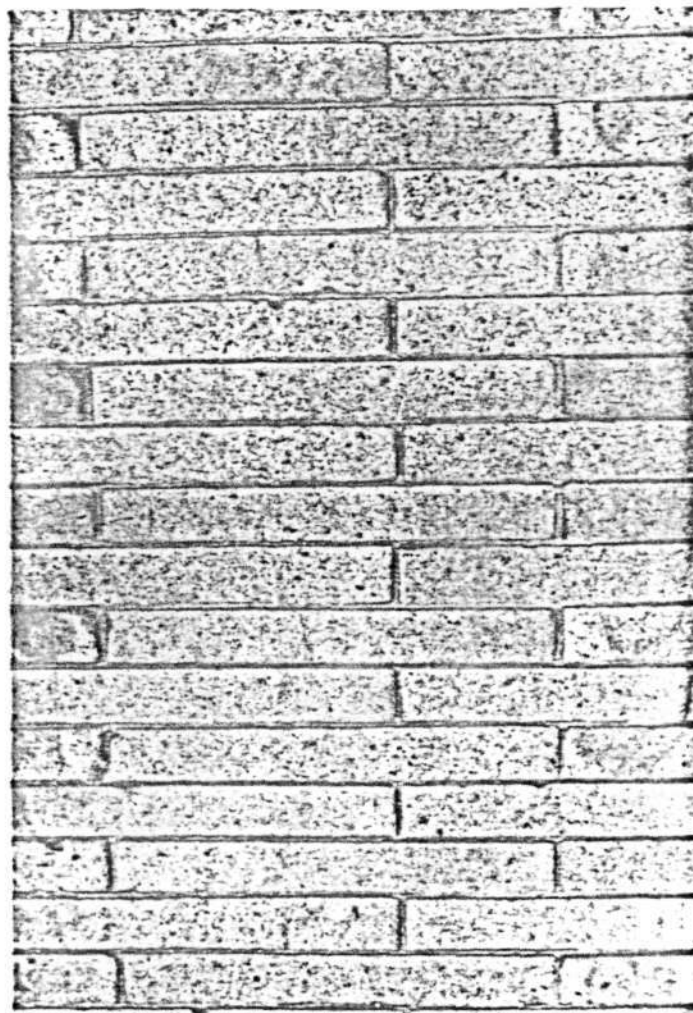


Photo 2 - Detail of Front (Warren Ave.)
Masonry

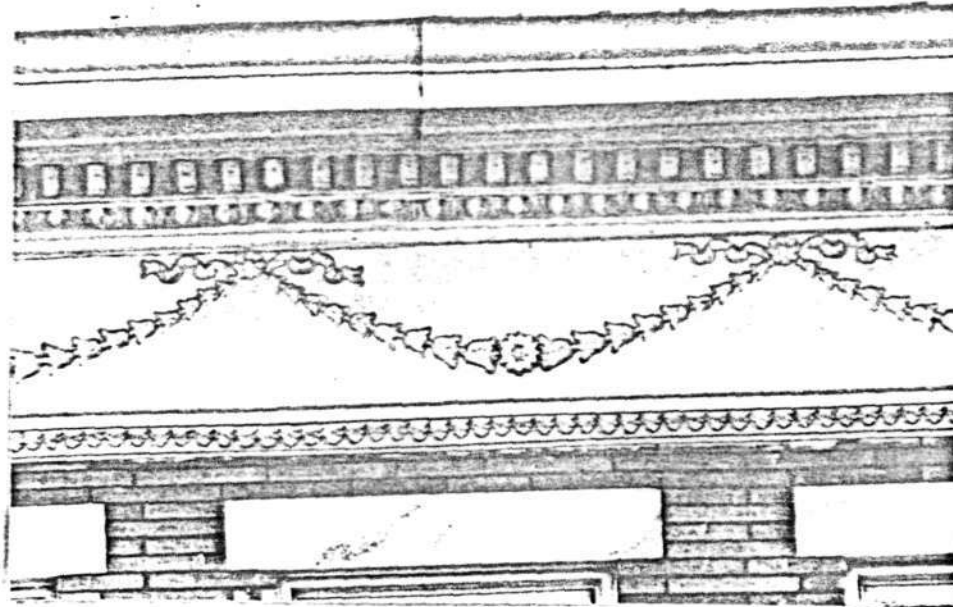


Photo 3 - Cornice Detail

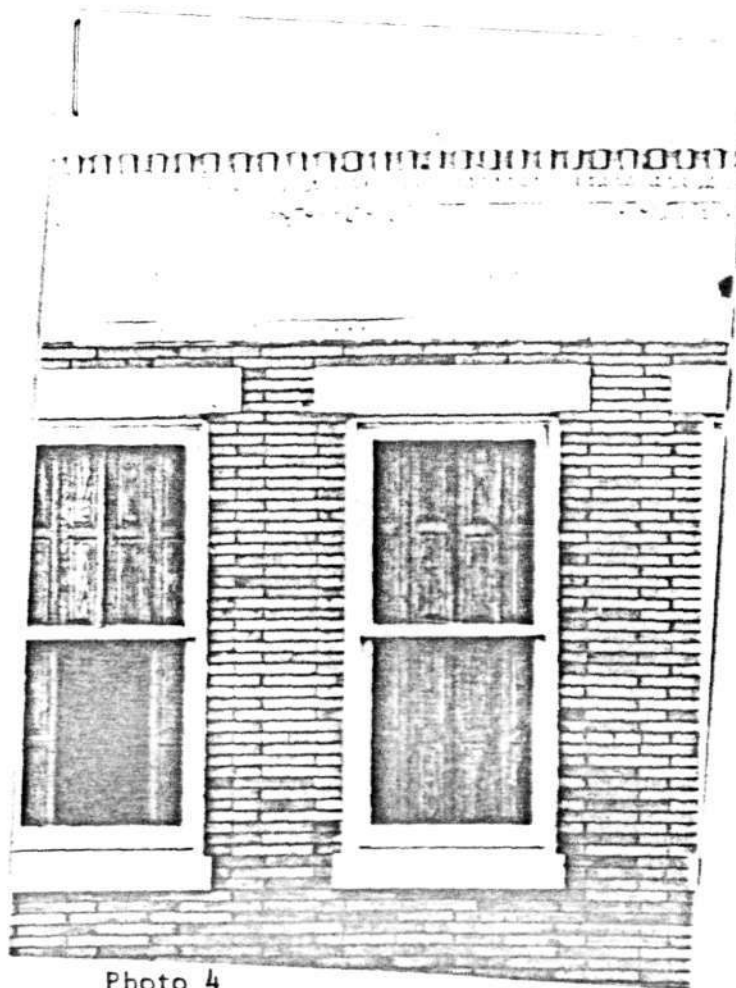


Photo 4

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FEDERAL

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AVE.

WARREN

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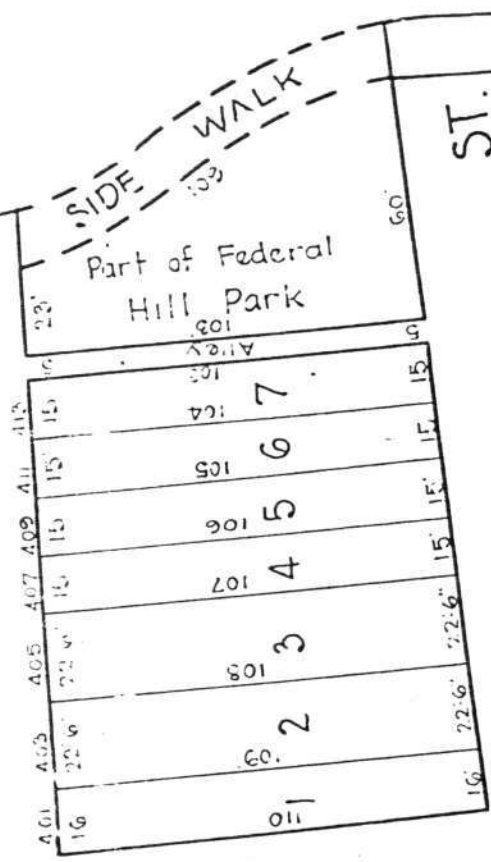
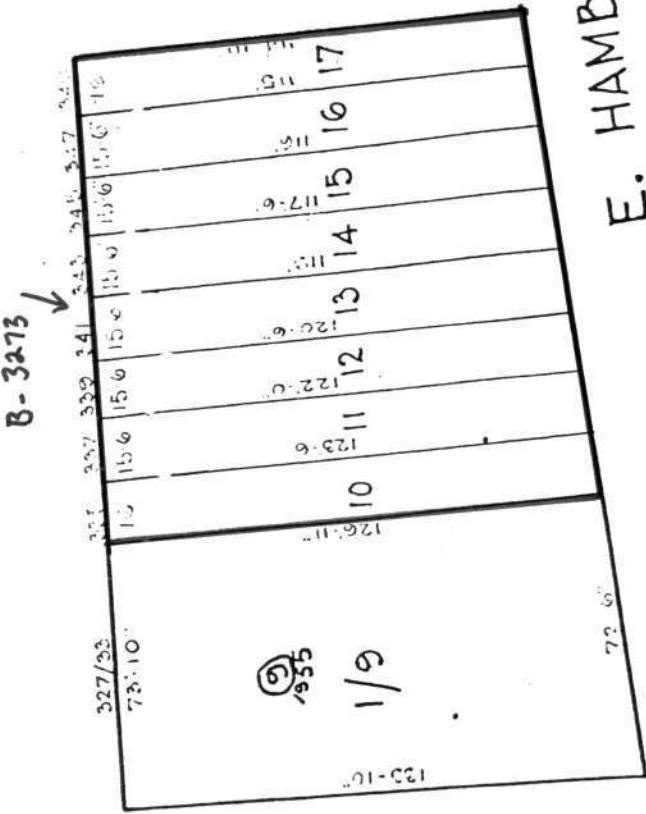
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Baltimore East Quad.





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335-349 Warren Ave.

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North elevation



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341-343 Warren Ave.

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